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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Applications for the sanction of electric connections in the Madras City.

* 704 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for the supply of electricity to houses pending with the Madras Electricity System, Madras City, on 1st January 1954;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned and the number of houses to which supply has been given; and

(*c*) the amount of collection by way of installation costs and deposits received in the year 1952?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 5,627.

" (*b*) 23,937 applications were sanctioned from 29th August 1947 when Government took over the undertaking to 1st January 1954 and supply was given to all these applicants during the period.

" (*c*) During 1952–53 a sum of Rs. 4,65,631 was collected as installation costs and Rs. 2,40,587 as security deposits."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know the number of new services given per month on an average? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

* 705 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were received by the Madras Electricity System authorities for giving electric connections during the year 1952–53;

(*b*) how many of them were sanctioned and in how many cases works have actually been carried out; and

(*c*) the amount they were able to collect by way of advance for giving electric connections?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 7,272.

" (*b*) 2,306 and 2,213 respectively.

" (*c*) Rs. 10,93,350."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 682–683 infra.

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SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, விவசாயத்திற்கு மின்சார சக்தி அளிக்கப்படும்போதும், 'டெபாசிட்' தொகையை வாங்காமல் விவசாயிகளுக்கு உதவி செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is a different question which is being considered by the Government."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Since there is ample delay in giving service connections, will the Government consider the question of cutting through the red-tape? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The main question relates to the City."

Construction of an overbridge near Salem Junction Railway Station.

* 706 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from the public of Suramangalam Panchayat requesting the State Government to recommend to the Railway Board the construction of an overbridge near Salem Junction Railway Station; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Representations were made by the Suramangalam Panchayat Board requesting the construction of a sub-way or overbridge at the northern end of Salem Junction.

" (*b*) The Suramangalam Panchayat Board was informed that there was no strong justification for the construction of an overbridge, and that if the Panchayat Board wanted to have a foot bridge for pedestrian traffic, the question of sanction of a half grant to it would be given due consideration, on its application, with an assurance that it would meet the other half of the cost."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கூட்ஸ் டிரெயின், லோகல் டிரெயின் ஆகியவை ஷண்டிங்குக்கு அடிக்கடி போய்க்கொண்டிருப்பதால் சூரமங்கலத்தில் இருக்கும்படியான லெவல் கிராசிங் கேட் பலமணி நேரங்கள் மூடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதன் வழியாக ஒரு வாரத்திற்குப் பத்தாயிரம் வண்டிகள் செல்கின்றன. மேலும் ஏராளமான மக்கள் அதன்வழியே நடந்துசெல்லுகின்றனர். ஆனால் பெரும்பகுதி நேரம் இந்த கேட் மூடப்பட்டிருப்பதால் பெரிய இடையூறாக இருக்கிறது. உடனடியாக ஒரு ஓவர் பிரிட்ஜ் வேண்டுமென்று அந்தப் பஞ்சாயத்தார் கேட்டிருந்தும், இது வரைக்கும் ஏன் காலதாமதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா ?"

8-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, it is a question of finance and there are other bridges that have to be constructed and which are more urgent and more important than this. That is the trouble, Sir."